

# **SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

## **MINUTES**

May 21, 2009

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 10:30 AM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

### **COMMISSION**

#### **Present:**

Bobby Harrell, Chairman  
Otis Speight, Secretary  
Kelly H. Floyd  
Rick Huntress  
Susan Lait  
Deborah McPherson  
Nancy Banov (via Teleconference)

### **DDSN Administrative Staff**

Andy Laurent, State Director; Bill Barfield, Deputy State Director, Administration; David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Kathi Lacy, Associate State Director, Policy; John King, District I Director; Shondala Hall, Audit Division; Rufus Britt, District II Director; John Hitchman, District II; Ann Dalton, Director of Quality Management; Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel; Tom Waring, Director, Budgeting Systems; Lois Park Mole, Director of Government and Community Relations; Daniel Davis, Director of Autism; Linda Veldheer, Director of HASCI; Kevin Yacobi, Director of Internal Audit; Jennifer Buster, Director of Children's Services

### **Guests**

Kathy Martin, Protection and Advocacy (P&A); Barbara Smith, DDSN, Retired; Steve Jeffcoat, DDSN, Retired; Richard Johnson, Parent; Donna H. Thompson, Babcock Center; Craig C. Stoxen, SC Autism Society; Linda Bodiford, Coastal Center; Suzanne Johnson, Parent, Coastal Center; Mildred Lilley, Parent; Philip Clarkson, BIASC; Andy Pope, Family Connection of SC; George Eberhardt,

BIASC; Carolyn B. Brown, Parent; Leanne Johnston, SCHSP; Joyce Davis, BIASC; Anita Atwood, DHHS; George Macky, DHHS; Kathleen Roberts, SCPADD-Whitten Center Parents Club; Linda Lee, Whitten Center Parents Club; Fred Lynn, Whitten Center Parents Club; Dorothy Goodwin, Community Options; Ralph Courtney, Executive Director, Aiken County DSN Board; Ruth Thomas, Executive Director, Darlington County DSN Board; Kathy Bradley, Kershaw County DSN Board; Mary Mack, Executive Director, Lee County DSN Board; Thoyd Warren, Kershaw County DSN Board; Patricia Harrison, Advocate; John Harrison, Citizen

### News Release of Meeting

Mr. Bobby Harrell, Chairman, called the meeting to order. He then recognized the new Commission Members and asked them to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Kelly Floyd read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

### Invocation

Mr. Rick Huntress gave the invocation.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Mrs. Floyd requested amending the agenda to add a report from the Committee on Public Input at Commission Meetings as a new item and Mr. Harrell requested amending the agenda to add Election of Officers/ Nominating Committee as a new item. On motion of Dr. Otis Speight, seconded by Mrs. Deborah McPherson and passed, the Commission approved adding the two new items to the agenda for the meeting. (Attachment A)

### Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2009 Meeting

Mrs. Floyd noted a typographical error in the minutes. On motion of Mrs. Floyd, seconded by Dr. Speight and passed, the Commission approved the minutes as corrected. (Attachment B)

### Budget Update

Mr. Bill Barfield presented DDSN's budget information as passed by the General Assembly. The General Assembly appropriated \$12.7 million in recurring state dollars as DDSN had requested. DDSN will be able to restore

some services since cuts have occurred but not every service at the level they were July 2008. Mr. Barfield also explained how the Medicaid Stimulus appropriations and the additional base reductions will impact services. Discussion followed. (Attachment C)

#### MR/RD Waiver Renewal

Dr. Kathi Lacy distributed a handout prepared by DHHS staff which provided detailed information concerning the Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities waiver renewal. Dr. Lacy stated DDSN is going through DHHS (Medicaid's) process of getting the waiver renewal approved. Due to budget cuts, some changes are necessary to the waiver. DDSN sent a survey to a ten percent random sample of waiver participants and their families, and in addition, to advocacy organizations and posted the survey on the DDSN website asking for input. Dr. Lacy stated helpful feedback was received. Dr. Lacy's handout explained in detail what services would be affected with the recommended changes. These changes were recommended for approval by DHHS' Medical Care Advisory Committee to the State Medicaid Director. Discussion followed. Mrs. McPherson proposed DDSN develop a policy for new and renewal waiver documents to be posted for public input and that a committee be appointed to work with staff on new waiver and renewal of waiver recommendations. (Attachment D)

#### Community Supports Waiver

Dr. Lacy distributed a handout providing information concerning the new Community Supports Home and Community Based waiver. She stated that this new waiver was designed by a committee of parents and advocates and will offer consumers additional choices. Dr. Lacy noted the importance of the new waiver to enable the transition of approximately 2400 individuals from rehabilitation services that are no longer approved by Medicaid to a similar service offered through the new Community Supports waiver. It is expected that CMS will approve the waiver for implementation effective July 1, 2009. (Attachment E)

#### PDD Waiver Consumer Survey

Dr. Lacy shared the evaluation of the Pervasive Developmental Disorder program data. Twenty percent of parents with children participating in the PDD program were mailed the survey along with a self-addressed envelope. The agency experienced a 24 percent response which is good. Discussion followed. Mrs. Susan Lait requested a breakdown of numbers of participants and expenditures for each of the three waivers – MR/RD, HASCI, and PDD. Dr. Lacy stated she would provide the requested information.

Report from DSN Boards

Mr. Ralph Courtney made a brief presentation.

Report from Committee on Public Input at Commission Meetings

Mrs. Floyd gave details of the history of the Committee on Public Input at Commission Meetings to the new Commission members and explained the suggested application form. The purpose is to allow input from the public at Commission meetings but would not be for the purpose of individuals with legal actions against DDSN. A maximum of 15 minutes during the regular Commission meeting would be allocated for individuals to speak with each individual being allowed 5 minutes to speak. An individual desiring to speak would submit their request form to Sandra Delaney at least 5 minutes before a Commission meeting begins. On motion of Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. McPherson and passed, the Commission approved public input at Commission meetings on a trial basis beginning at the June 18, 2009 Commission meeting. (Attachment F)

Election of New Officers/Nominating Committee

Mr. Harrell announced in accordance with the Commission By-Laws, the Election of Officers will be held at the Commission's June meeting. Mr. Harrell then appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of himself, Mr. Rick Huntress, and Mrs. Kelly Floyd. Mr. Harrell shall serve as Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Harrell also requested Commission members let him know if they would be interested in serving on the Finance and Audit Committee or the Policy and Services Committee.

State Director Report/Announcements

Dr. Andy Laurent announced that David Kiely, Executive Director of Charles Lea Center, is retiring. Dr. Laurent reported DDSN has activated the Pandemic Influenza Plan. He also stated that the Senate legislation transferring DDSN licensing activities to DHEC did not pass but DDSN is pursuing the transfer to DHEC to take effect by July 1.

Next Meeting Date

Mr. Harrell announced the next Commission meeting would be held June 18, 2009, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Executive Session

On motion of Mrs. Floyd and seconded by Dr. Speight, the Commission voted to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual/legal matters.

The Commission re-entered public session. Mr. Harrell noted that no action was taken. On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded by Mrs. Floyd and passed, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

  
Sandra Delaney

Approved:

Dr. Otis Speight  
Mr. Bobby Harrell

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

**A G E N D A**

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
3440 Harden Street Extension  
Conference Room 251  
Columbia, South Carolina**

**May 21, 2009**

**10:30 AM**

1. Notice of Meeting Statement
2. Invocation – *Otis Speight*
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2009 Meeting
6. Budget Update – *Bill Barfield*
7. MR/RD Waiver Renewal – *Kathi Lacy*
8. Community Supports Waiver – *Kathi Lacy*
9. PDD Waiver Consumer Survey – *Kathi Lacy*
10. Report from DSN Boards – *Ralph Courtney*
11. State Director Report/Announcements
12. Executive Session – Contractual/Legal Matters
13. Next Regular Meeting Date – June 18, 2009
14. Calendar of Upcoming Events

***PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.***

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

**MINUTES**

**CORRECTED**

April 16, 2009

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The following were in attendance:

**COMMISSION**

**Present:**

Bobby Harrell, Chairman  
John Vaughn, Vice-Chairman  
Edythe Dove  
John Powell  
Kelly H. Floyd

**Absent**

Otis Speight, Secretary

**DDSN Administrative Staff**

Bill Barfield, Deputy State Director, Administration; David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Tom Waring, Director, Budgeting Systems; Linda Veldheer, Director of HASCI; Kevin Yacobi, Director of Internal Audit; Deirdre Blake-Sayers, Director, Human Resources; Yasmin Baltzegar, Human Resources; Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel; John King, District I Director; Rufus Britt, District II Director; Graeme Johnson, Medical Consultant.

**Guests**

Deborah McPherson, Richland County; Donna Thompson, Babcock Center; Joyce Davis, Director, BIASC; Mildred Lilley, Parent, Kershaw; Betty-Routh Steele, Parent, Saleeby Center; Craig Stoxen, Executive Director, SC Autism Society; Kathleen Roberts, Whitten Center Parents Club (SCPADD); Elizabeth

Krauss, Executive Director, Georgetown DSN Board; Al Brumfield, Whitten Center Facility Administrator; Thoyd Warren, Kershaw County DSN Board; Jean Marie Place, Brain Injury Alliance; George Maky, DHHS; Linda Bodiford, Coastal Center; Diane Epperly, SCSCIA; Bob Jones, Executive Director, Allendale/Barnwell County DSN Board; Charlene Norm, Saleeby Center; Shirley Star Brown, Saleeby Center; Annie Stan, Visitor; Rebecca Hill, Coastal Center; Sandra J. Capers, Coastal Center; Delores Ketchens, Coastal Center; Dorothy Salley, Coastal Center; Beverly Buscemi, Facility Administrator, Midlands Center; Pearl Mackey, Midlands Center; Mary Smith, Whitten Center; Karen Howard, Whitten Center; Fred Lynn, Whitten Center; Leon Owens, Facility Administrator, Pee Dee Center; Deloris Edwards, Pee Dee Center; Wilma Epps, Pee Dee Center; Gloria James, Executive Director, Bamberg DSN Board; Dean Redd, Executive Director, Colleton County DSN Board; Terry Rogers, Executive Director, CHESCO Services

#### News Release of Meeting

Mr. Bobby Harrell, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Harrell read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

#### Invocation

Dr. John Vaughn gave the invocation.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Mrs. Kelly Floyd, seconded by Mr. John Powell and passed, the Commission approved the agenda for the meeting (Attachment A).

#### Approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Meeting

On motion of Dr. John Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Powell and passed, the Commission approved the March 19, 2009 meeting minutes.

#### Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP)

Mr. Bill Barfield stated that Mr. Harrell had previously met with DDSN staff to review the capital improvement needs of its five centers and central office to submit to the Budget and Control Board upon Commission approval. Mr. Barfield then introduced Mr. Tom Waring to present the Summary of Projects for the 2009-2010 CPIP as proposed. There was discussion. On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mrs. Floyd and passed, the Commission

approved the summary of projects for years one and two of the CPIP 2009 - 2010. (Attachment B).

#### Budget Update

Mr. Barfield presented the budget information presented yesterday to the Senate Finance Subcommittee. He provided an analysis for potential increase in Federal Financial Participation and explained that DDSN could collect an additional \$28.8M of Medicaid funding this fiscal year. This money would be placed in a special account and the Comptroller's Office would track this money. Mr. Barfield then presented what DDSN requested of Senate Finance regarding the use of stimulus money next fiscal year which would be to reestablish services reduced this fiscal year to current programs. Mr. Barfield gave details of the 2% reduction plan presented to Senate Finance (Attachment C).

#### Change in Audit Requirements

Mr. Kevin Yacobi, Internal Audit Director, explained the changes to the general provisions and audit report/procedures of the SCDDSN Provider Audit Policy (275-04-DD) which are in accordance with the LAC audit. Discussion followed concerning the contract reduction of \$100.00 per day if the audit report is not filed with DDSN within 90 days of the provider organization's fiscal year. Mr. Yacobi emphasized this fee is not meant to be punitive only to get the provider organization's attention. Mr. Harrell stated he does not want the fee to impact services to consumers.

#### 2008 Employee of the Year Awards

Mr. Goodell stated that the employees at the Regional Centers should be extremely proud and are truly heroes. Mr. Goodell thanked Ms. Deirdre Blake-Sayers and the Selection Committee for their efforts in the process of choosing the statewide DDSN Employee of the Year.

Ms. Rebecca Hill announced Ms. Delores Lorine Ketchens as Employee of the Year for the Coastal Regional Center. Ms. Ketchens performs duties as an Administrative Specialist/Switchboard Operator Supervisor and has been employed at the Coastal Center for 13 years. Mrs. Edythe Dove presented a Commission resolution to Ms. Ketchens.

Mr. Leon Owens announced Ms. Shirley Starr Brown as Employee of the Year for the Saleeby Center. Ms. Brown performs duties as a Human Services Specialist I (Resident Manager) and has been employed at the Saleeby Center for 15 years. Mrs. Kelly Floyd presented a Commission resolution to Ms. Brown.

Dr. Beverly Buscemi announced Ms. Pearlie Major-Knight as Employee of the Year for the Midlands Regional Center. Ms. Knight performs duties as a Human Services Assistant at Sycamore Residence and has been employed at the Midlands Center for over 11 years. Mr. John Powell presented a Commission resolution to Ms. Knight.

Mr. Leon Owens announced Ms. Deloris Edwards as Employee of the Year for the Pee Dee Regional Center. Ms. Edwards performs duties as a Human Services Assistant for Pee Dee Center and has been employed at the Pee Dee Center for 13 years. Mrs. Kelly Floyd presented a Commission resolution to Ms. Edwards.

Mr. Al Brumfield announced Ms. Karen I. Howard as Employee of the Year for the Whitten Regional Center and then introduced Ms. Beth Smith to speak about Ms. Howard. Ms. Howard performs duties as a Human Services Assistant and has been employed at the Whitten Center for five years. Dr. John Vaughn presented a Commission resolution to Ms. Howard.

Mr. Bobby Harrell announced Ms. Deloris Edwards had been selected as the statewide 2008 DDSN Employee of the Year. Mr. Harrell presented Ms. Edwards with a plaque and a monetary award.

#### Discussion on Public Input at Commission Meetings

Mrs. Floyd provided a sample of a request to speak to the board form for Commission members to review to discuss allowing input from the public at Commission meetings on a trial basis. Parents having difficulties resolving issues, for example, would be allowed to address the Commission, but would not be for the purpose of individuals with legal actions against DDSN. The speaking time would be limited for each individual. Mr. Harrell stated that he and Mrs. Floyd would be the committee to create an application form. An individual would submit their request form to Sandra Delaney before a Commission meeting begins. Mrs. Edythe Dove requested the form be available on the DDSN website.

#### Report from DSN Boards

Ms. Elizabeth Krauss, Georgetown County DSN Board Executive Director and SCHSP Vice Chair, gave the SCHSP report on Mr. Ralph Courtney's behalf. Ms. Krauss discussed how she has to tell families not to move to South Carolina with their family member because there are no services available due to budget reductions and hopes to have some restoration of services soon. Ms.

Krauss stated the providers need more clarification on release of information on employees.

State Director Report/Announcements

Mr. Harrell asked Mr. Powell to read aloud the letter addressed to Senator Thomas Alexander from the LAC dated April 3, 2009. The letter provided additional information to clarify issues related to the expenditure of DDSN funds that came up during the budget subcommittee meeting (Attachment D).

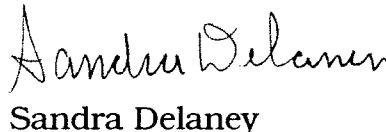
Mr. Harrell introduced Dr. Andy Laurent as the interim state director for DDSN. Dr. Laurent spoke of his professional history. He stated that DDSN is a good agency and things change daily. He shared what he has said to DDSN staff, let us make sure we get the job done and get the biggest bang for our buck.

Next Meeting Date

Mr. Harrell announced the next Commission meeting would be held May 21, 2009, in Columbia, South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mrs. Floyd and passed, the Commission meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

  
Sandra Delaney

Approved:

Dr. Otis Speight  
Mr. Bobby Harrell

***SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS  
BUDGET NEEDS FOR FY 2009 – 2010***

**Attachment C**

**Program Needs**

**Description**

<b>DDSN Request</b>	<b>General</b>
<b>State Funds</b>	<b>Assembly's</b>
	<b>Appropriation</b>

1.	Annualization of Services Funded By Proviso 90.12 DHHS Funding		\$9,753,000	\$12,753,000
<p>This request is to annualize the nonrecurring funding provided DDSN in the FY 2008-2009 Appropriations Act for ongoing services to individual consumers and families. These non-recurring dollars funded a community support waiver for 2,159 consumers who have been receiving rehabilitation services at a net cost of \$2,253,000 in State matching funds. Authorized 300 children with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome to receive the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Waiver costing \$4,500,000. An additional \$3,000,000 authorized Community Supports respite and stipends to 3,000 consumers throughout the state.</p>				
2.	Case Management - Federal Mandate		\$730,000	
<p>The state has been informed by the Federal Medicaid agency that there will be changes in federal rulemaking regarding case management services. These changes will result in additional activities that must be carried out by the State at additional cost and activities currently being performed for consumers that will no longer be reimbursable by Medicaid. DDSN's expectation is that the agency must be in compliance July 1, 2009, based on Federal timelines. Without these additional dollars, services will have to be reduced to 875 consumers statewide.</p>				
3.	Maintenance of Effort to Cover Cost of Care		\$2,466,500	
<p>This request represents the need to provide sufficient funding as a maintenance of effort to the providers of services so that the actual cost of care can be covered. If the state's reimbursement rates do not cover the actual cost of care, eventually the local entities will have to reduce the scope and quality of care below acceptable standards, eliminate the services for which there is insufficient funding, or stop providing services. In the last two years the costs have risen with increasing cost of gasoline, oil, electricity, food, medical professionals, and other goods and services by an average of 6.98 percent. All providers are now at the point that reimbursements must be increased to cover the additional operating costs which have risen significantly.</p>				
4.	Traumatic Brain or Spinal Cord Injury Post-acute Rehabilitation		\$3,000,000	
<p>South Carolina needs to fully fund over time the remaining cost of post-acute rehabilitation that enables people with traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries to obtain an appropriate level of specialized rehabilitation after the injury and acute hospital stay. Currently in the state, there is a serious gap in access to post-acute rehabilitation that is specialized for traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries. The estimates based on hospital discharges are that 2,254 individuals with traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries this year will be in need of specialized post-acute inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation. The total cost of care would be \$68 million; however, \$56.5 million dollars of this expense could be covered by private insurance, Medicare and other government reimbursements. This fiscal year, DDSN will have \$1,157,740 in funding for this program. The State funding needed for the balance to cover the uninsured/underinsured and Medicaid State matching funds would be \$10,346,000. Due to the amount of funding needed, DDSN is only requesting \$3,000,000 in additional funding at this time.</p>				
5.	Community Supports in the Individual's and Family's Home		\$2,582,000	
<p>This request is to prevent unnecessary and expensive out-of-home placements by serving 950 individuals with severe disabilities with the supports necessary to maintain them in their homes. Community support services prevent the break-up of families and reduce the number of crisis situations and their resulting out-of-home placements. As of June 30, 2008, there were 1,087 consumers on the waiting list for the Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities Waiver and 243 awaiting the Head &amp; Spinal Cord Injury Waiver for 1,330 individuals. There were also 1,048 awaiting a day support service. Funding this request may be the difference between supporting families and individuals versus replacing families and providing expensive total care.</p>				

**Total Recurring Request**

\$18,531,500

\$12,753,000

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South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
Non-Recurring State Appropriations for FY 2010  
Proviso 90.13 Medicaid Stimulus

Description of Type Service	Services Affected	Total Funds Impact	State \$ Impact	Base Budget Reductions	Service Impact	Net State \$
1 Attrition Slots Restored - MR/RD Waiver	91 slots	\$1,098,370	\$329,511			\$329,511
2 Attrition Slots Restored - HASCI Waiver	42 slots	\$1,092,000	\$327,600			\$327,600
3 Early Intervention Services to Children	670 slots	\$2,578,984	\$1,351,003			\$1,351,003
4 Day/Supported Employment Capacity	530 slots	\$4,890,310	\$3,819,978	(\$1,900,000)	- 264 slots	\$1,919,978
5 Residential/Day Service Provider Adjustment	100 slots	\$6,090,699	\$1,833,210	(\$1,485,597)	- 86 slots	\$347,613
6 Waivers Capacity Restoration	106 slots	\$2,765,390	\$829,617			\$829,617
7 Service Coordination Restoration	5200 slots	\$7,978,168	\$3,350,831	(\$2,487,052)	-3,974 slots	\$863,779
8 Ancillary Services in Waiver		\$5,000,000	\$1,500,000	(\$701,778)		\$798,222
9 Residential Services	175 slots	\$3,200,000	\$984,000	(\$18,574)		\$965,426
10 TBI/SCI Post Acute Rehabilitation Program	20	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000			\$1,650,000
11 Family Support/ Respite Service	500	\$550,000	\$550,000			\$550,000
12 Summer Services	3089	\$709,741	\$709,741			\$709,741
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$37,603,662</b>	<b>\$17,235,491</b>	<b>(\$6,593,001)</b>		<b>\$10,642,490</b>

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Medical Care Advisory Committee  
Item for Committee Advisement**

**PREPARED BY:** Kara Lewis

**PRESENTED BY:** Sam Waldrep

**DATE:** 5/19/09

**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities (MR/RD) Waiver

**OBJECTIVE:** To submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a 5-year renewal of the Medicaid home and community-based waiver serving individuals with mental retardation and related disabilities.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) formed a partnership in 1991 to develop community-based services through the MR/RD waiver. This waiver is designed to prevent or delay institutionalization for waiver clients. DHHS provides administrative oversight for the waiver while DDSN is responsible for day-to-day operations. Currently the MR/RD waiver serves approximately 5,700 individuals with a waiting list of 1,400. The waiver is due to expire on September 30, 2009, and DHHS must submit this renewal application in June 2009, to allow for the CMS mandatory 90 day review period.

Due to the state's budget situation, DDSN opted to make several changes to the waiver program. DHHS and DDSN have worked together for many months to consider possible changes administratively allowed within federal regulations. To obtain public input, DDSN conducted a survey of waiver participants, parents and other interested stakeholders, seeking recommendations for changes to the MR/RD waiver. This information guided DDSN toward making necessary budgetary adjustments and includes the following: 1) continuation of core services without changes; 2) placing limits on services; 3) elimination of low utilization services; and 4) as a minor technical change, the state is separating the coverage of Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) from Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Assistive Technology and therefore adding PERS as a separate service in this waiver. The proposed changes are listed below.

Core services to continue unchanged:

*Adult Day Health Care  
Adult Day Health Care- Transportation  
Psychological Services  
Day Activity  
Community Services  
Support Center Services  
Behavior Support Services*

*Adult Day Health Care-Nursing  
Residential Habilitation  
Private Vehicle Modifications  
Career Preparation  
Employment Services  
Adult Dental Services  
Prescribed Drugs*

Services for which limitations will be necessary:

- *Environmental Modifications*: lower the lifetime cap from \$7,500 to \$5,000;
- *Specialized Medical Equipment, Supplies and Assistive Technology*:
  - a) lower the monthly limits of diapers, wipes and underpads from up to 3 cases per month to 2 cases per month for each product;
  - b) lower the monthly limit of liquid nutrition (for those without a feeding tube) from up to 3 cases per month to 2 cases per month;
  - c) lower the limit and cost per wheel chair to \$8,000 total and allow only 1 chair every 5 years (previously not specified in waiver);
- *Nursing*: limit services up to 56 hours per week for LPN and 42 hours per week for RN (previously not specified in waiver);
- *In-home Respite*: limit service up to 32 hours per month (previously not specified in waiver). (No change with ICF/MR respite);
- *Personal Care II*: limit service up to 28 hours per week (previously not specified in waiver).

Services to be removed:

*Physical Therapy*

*Occupational Therapy*

*Speech Language pathology*

*Day Habilitation (replaced w/Day Activity)*

*Supported Employment (replaced w/Employment Services)*

*Prevocational Habilitation (replaced w/Career Preparation)*

*Audiology*

*Adult Vision*

*Adult Companion*

*Adult Attendant Care*

*Personal Care I*

Service to be added:

*Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)*

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** DDSN is responsible for the state match portion of operating expenditures. For SFY 07-08, waiver expenditures totaled approximately \$242 million.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:** The waiver renewal will allow DDSN to continue serving the client population in a cost-effective manner.

**EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED:** MR/RD waiver individuals will continue to receive home and community-based long-term care services. Medicaid enrolled/contracted providers will continue to receive reimbursement for waiver services provided in accordance with policy.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Submit the MR/RD waiver to CMS for a 5-year renewal period.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2009

**“COMMUNITY SUPPORTS” HOME AND  
COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER**

**CONCEPTUALIZED OVER TWO YEARS AGO**

**DEVELOPED BY GROUP OF PARENTS**

**PUBLIC INPUT OBTAINED IN EARLY FALL 2008**

**WAIVER SUBMITTED TO CMS OCTOBER 2008**

**WAIVER PENDING APPROVAL BY CMS – EXPECTED TO BE  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF WAIVER**

- 1. INDIVIDUAL COST CAP**
- 2. SELF-DIRECTED FEATURES**
- 3. ENROLLMENT PRIORITY TO PEOPLE CURRENTLY  
GETTING REHABILITATIVE SERVICES AND THOSE  
WHO CHOOSE TO MOVE FROM MR/RD WAIVER**
- 4. SERVICES:**
  - a. PERSONAL CARE**
  - b. RESPITE**
  - c. ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS**
  - d. SPECIALIZED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES,  
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIANCES**
  - e. PRIVATE VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS**
  - f. PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**
  - g. BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES**
  - h. IN-HOME SUPPORTS**
  - i. ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE, WITH NURSING  
AND TRANSPORTATION**
  - j. DAY ACTIVITY**
  - k. CAREER PREPARATION**
  - l. COMMUNITY SERVICES**
  - m. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**
  - n. SUPPORT CENTER SERVICES**

COMMISSION PUBLIC FORUM

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Each speaker will only be allowed 5 minutes.

If you wish to address the Commission at its regular Commission meeting, you must complete the form below and submit it at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled opening of the meeting at which you wish to speak. At the appropriate time, you will be recognized by the Commission Chair. A maximum of 15 minutes during the regular Commission meeting will be allocated for citizens to speak. Citizens will speak in the order in which they register. In cases of abusive language or of purely personal attacks on staff or Commission members, the Chair may rule the person out of order and require her/him to relinquish the floor.

*Please note: The purpose of the Public Forum is to give the public an opportunity to make the Commission aware of issues the administrative staff has been unable to resolve or to express a viewpoint concerning Commission business. The Commission will listen to the viewpoint expressed but will not respond to the individual(s) at the meeting. The Commission will direct the State Director to do so within two weeks, if possible.*

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

I am representing:

☐ Myself

☐ A group/organization (please name)

I wish to comment on (select one):

☐ Commission Meeting Agenda Item:

☐ A specific incident or concern NOT on the Commission Meeting Agenda. The specific concern to be addressed is: